

Sharon Center School Board of Education

The regular meeting of the Sharon Board of Education was held on Monday, February 10, 2020 in the school library.

PRESENT:

Board of Education Members: Doug Cahill, Plamen Petkov, Deborah Rathbun, Amanda Thompson, Anne Vance, and Kathleen Visconti

Superintendent: Pam Vogel

Assistant Superintendent: Lisa Carter

Principal: Karen Manning

Board Clerk: Kathryn Amiet

SCS Staff: Cindy Webb

Sharon Representative - Region One Board of Education: Sara Cousins

Guests: Mike Flint, Sam Herrick

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 P.M. by Chairman Doug Cahill.

Region One Business Manager Sam Herrick was recognized and thanked for his many years of support of and assistance to Sharon Center School and the Sharon Board of Education.

For the "Focus on Student Learning" portion of the meeting, Principal Karen Manning reviewed the "Next Generation Accountability Report".

Written Communications – The Class of 2020 sent a letter to the Board requesting release of the funds designated for the 8th grade class trip to Washington, DC. No vote was necessary, as these funds are included in the 2019-2020 Sharon Center School Spending Plan.

Motion by Amanda Thompson/2nd by Deborah Rathbun to remove the Region One Board Report from the Consent Agenda. Motion to approve Consent Agenda as amended carried by unanimous vote.

Sara Cousins, Sharon Representative to the Region One Board of Education, gave a brief report on the Region One Board's most recent meeting.

No public comment was heard.

Assistant Superintendent Lisa Carter and Superintendent Pam Vogel both reviewed their written reports.

Principal Manning gave a Power Point presentation of some of the school's recent activities and events.

She also recommended to the Board two school repair projects for next year:

1. Paving of the front driveway, parking lot, and sidewalks
2. Stage lighting upgraded to LED and a new control board

She shared the following upcoming events to remember:

Tuesday, February 11 - Regional Band & Chorus will be at Sharon Center School at 1:15 p.m.

Wednesday, February 12 - Regional Band & Chorus will be at HVRHS at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 12 - NWCT Read Aloud Day - 8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, March 17 & Thursday, March 19 - Kindergarten Registration

Wednesday, March 18 - Family Game Night - 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Friday, April 3 - Drama Production: James and the Giant Peach @ 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 4 - Drama Production: James and the Giant Peach @ 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 4 - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Pasta Dinner (8th grade fundraiser)

Principal Manning walked the Board through the Draft of the 2020-2021 Sharon Center School Spending Plan, commenting on items that showed notable changes from the current budget year and answering Board Members' questions.

The Board will schedule a Budget Workshop during the last week in February, date to be decided.

The Personnel Committee, comprised of Anne Vance, Plamen Petkov, and Doug Cahill, reviewed the Classified Staff and Principal wage requests for 2020-2021. Their recommendation was for a 3% increase for all classified staff and the principal, with the following exceptions:

Garry Chesanek - 4% increase

Leanne LaFond - 5% increase

Cindy Webb - 5% increase

Motion by Amanda Thompson/2nd by Deborah Rathbun to accept the Personnel Committee's proposal. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

First Reading of Policies 9120 & 9325.2. There will be a second reading of these two policies and possible action at the March 9, 2020 Board meeting.

Principal Manning reviewed Policy 5118 - Resident and Nonresident Attendance - which was having its second reading.

Motion by Anne Vance/2nd by Amanda Thompson to adopt Policy 5118 as amended. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Superintendent Vogel reviewed the proposed 2020-2021 Region One Calendar. Principal Manning then reviewed the faculty's suggestions regarding the calendar, especially in regard to holidays and professional development days.

Motion by Anne Vance/2nd by Amanda Thompson to approve the 2020-2021 Region One Calendar as proposed. Motion carried with one abstention (Plamen Petkov).

There was no update on the Middle School Sports proposal at this time.

Chairman Cahill read a letter of appreciation from staff members Justine Smith and Sarah Ives, thanking the Board for their support and for making the requested adjustments to their contracts.

*Motion by Amanda Thompson/2nd by Deborah Rathbun to adjourn at 8:29 p.m.
The meeting was adjourned.*

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Amiet, board clerk